TOPIC: Transportation: Option Student

Question:

A. A student living in District A options into District B. Later, the child's parents, who reside in District A move to District C. What are the procedures the parents must follow in order to maintain the option enrollment status in District B? Which district is responsible for the provision of transportation services which are included on the student's IEP?"

If an option student relocates to a different resident school district, the parent must submit an application to the new school district within thirty days of the relocation. The application must be automatically accepted and the deadlines (timelines) described in the statute are waived. The new resident school district is responsible for transportation if that service is included on the student's IEP. Thus, pursuant to the example, District C would be responsible for the child's transportation to District B if transportation is included on the IEP as a related service.

Citations: Nebraska Education Law Chapter 79 Schools-Article 2 Provisions Relating to Students, Section (e) Enrollment Option Program 79-232 through 79-246

(79-234(1)(a)) "The option shall be available only once to each student prior to graduation unless (a) the student relocates to a different resident school district;"

(79-234) "In the case of an event described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section the student's parent or guardian shall submit an application to the new option school district within thirty days after the relocation"

(79-234(4) "No option student shall attend an option school district for less than one school year unless the student relocates to a different resident school district".

(79-240(2)) "The application of an option student who relocates in a different school district but wants to continue attending the option school district shall be automatically accepted and the deadlines prescribed in 79-237 shall be waived."